



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In the Application of)	
René Langhans)	Examiner:
on ROTARY CUTTING UNIT)	Group Art Unit No.: 3204
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Dear Sirs:

Priority

Applicant claims priority based upon Swiss Application No. 02 006/92-0 filed June 25, 1992 and PCT Application No PCT/CH93/00101 filed April 19, 1993. The PCT application included a claim for priority based upon the Swiss application. A claim for priority based on both applications was made in the parent U.S. Application Serial No. 08/612,212 filed March 6, 1996.